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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Procurement of [redacted]
a Training Base

1. Operational training requirements of the covert offices of CIA make it essential that an extensive and secure training base be established by CIA at the earliest possible time. Since personnel engaged in specialized covert activities must undergo retraining periodically, it is anticipated that the training facilities concerned will be required on a permanent basis.

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2. The needed facilities must provide adequate land area for field training in guerrilla warfare and resistance activities, sabotage, demolitions, weapons, air operations, maritime operations and the accommodation of staff training activities. Such facilities must be [redacted]

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3. All government properties suggested by the real estate and installations sections of the military services as being possibly available have been investigated by CIA training personnel. It has [redacted]

be developed into a permanent training base be authorized.

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W. B. SMITH
Director

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